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Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee
and Granddaughter

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Richard B. Hodges, Jr. November 1969

Town Clerk and Treasurer

Charles F. H. Crathern March 1969

Selectmen

Cedric Valentine March 1969

Raymond B. Parker March 1970

Harold C. Weber Resigned October 1968

Robert G. Marshall Appointed October 1968 March 1969

Tax Collector

Joyce H. Hodges March 1969

Highway Agent

G. Porter Washburn Resigned November 1968

Auditor

Tracy A. Eaton March 1969

Supervisors of Check List

Esther A. Spalding November 1970

Guy F. Washburn November 1972

Sophie Rajala November 1974

Library Trustees

Lillian Johnson March 1969

Phyllis G. Wentworth March 1970

Virginia Clark March 1971

Trustees of Cemeteries

Clifton W. Hastings	Resigned September 1968	
Lewis Jackson		March 1970
Conray G. Wharff		March 1971

Trustees of Trust Funds

Tracy A. Eaton		March 1969
Conray G. Wharff		March 1970
Charles F. H. Crathern		March 1971

Health Officer

Dr. Robert E. Wellwood	(Appointed by State)	March 1969
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Librarian

Mary G. Castle		Appointed
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Ballot Clerks

Helvi Murto	Appointed	November 1969
Elsie Brandt	Appointed	November 1969
Chloe Lofquist	Appointed	November 1969
Virginia Clark	Appointed	November 1969

Town Hall Custodian

Guy F. Washburn		Appointed
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Sexton

Kenneth Cook		Appointed
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Building Inspector

Kenneth Wilson		Appointed
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Financial Advisory Committee

Richard B. Hodges, Jr.		March 1969
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Arthur J. Thompson, Chairman	March 1970
Leland A. Wildes	March 1971
Werner Lofquist	March 1969
Irene Smith	March 1969

Planning Board

Edward L. McCaffery, Chairman	March 1969
Calvin A. Wentworth	March 1970
Kenneth Wilson	March 1971
Mary G. Castle	March 1969
Raymond B. Parker Ex-Officio	

Board of Adjustment

James A. Rowse	March 1969
Charles Babb	March 1970
Raymond C. Akerman	March 1971
Harold Forrest	March 1972
John D. Paron, Chairman	March 1973
Kenneth G. Eisenhaure Alternate	March 1971
Albert Schlemmer Alternate	March 1971

Conservation Commission

C. Murdock Dunn	March 1969
Clifton W. Hastings, Chairman	March 1970
Edith Marshall	March 1971
Anne Fifield	March 1971
Donald A. Armington	March 1970

Police Officers

Fred S. Gilson, Chief	Appointed
Harold C. Forrest	Appointed
John D. Paron	Appointed
Kenneth V. Cook	Appointed
Ronald Lapointe	Appointed

Fire Chief

Alwin E. Hodson, Jr. Appointed

Forest Fire Wardens

Alwin E. Hodson, Jr., Chief	Appointed
C. Murdock Dunn, Deputy	Appointed
Richard B. Hodges, Jr., Deputy	Appointed
John D. Paron, Deputy	Appointed
William T. Clark, Deputy	Appointed
Clifton W. Hastings, Deputy	Appointed

Civil Defense Director

Richard B. Hodges, Jr. Appointed

Welfare Officer

Rev. Harry W. Foot Appointed

Library Building Committee

Tracy A. Eaton, Chairman	Appointed
Arthur J. Thompson	Appointed
Harold C. Weber	Appointed
Mary G. Castle	Appointed
Virginia Clark	Appointed

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Mason in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Mason on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, next at two of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. Town Clerk for three years; Selectman for two years; Selectman for three years; Town Treasurer for three years; Tax Collector for three years.

The polls to close at 7:30 P. M. of the same day and at eight of the clock in the afternoon of the same day at the same place to act upon the following subjects:

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

Article 4. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 5. To see if the town will allow the Tax Collector compensation for collecting State Head Tax and fix the amount at 8 per cent or take any action relating thereto.

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and

appropriate \$515.00 or any other sum for the purchase of one additional air pack and spare cylinder, helmets, gloves and boots for the Mason Volunteer Fire Department.

Article 7. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to convey to the Town of Mason Conservation Commission any property it has acquired by tax deed.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise the price of Cemetery lots from \$25.00 to \$100.00 or take any other action.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to become a member of the Nashua Regional Planning Agency and to see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$85.00 (15c per capita) to finance studies to be conducted by the Regional Planning Agency.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to use the balances in the 1967 Warrant Item—Horse Shed — and in the 1968 Warrant Item — Electrical Entrance—for improving the wiring in the Town Hall.

Article 11. To see if the town will authorize the Bi-Centennial Committee to transfer all Committee records, material, pictures and all historical data to the Historical Society of Mason, N. H., Inc., or take any other action.

Article 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 or any other sum to be paid to the Historical Society of Mason, N. H., Inc., or take any other action.

Given under our hands and seal, this 25th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-nine.

CEDRIC VALENTINE
ROBERT G. MARSHALL

Selectmen of Mason

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CEDRIC VALENTINE
ROBERT G. MARSHALL

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

As Mason begins its third century we still are a rural community. We started with farming, some mills and with the railroad, quarrying became important. We have now changed to almost exclusively a residential area. Our population today is about the same as in 1790 although there are about seventy-five more houses. Our population growth of about twenty-five percent in the last five years may level off as vacant houses have been occupied. Our Planning Ordinance is functioning in a manner which is proving to be beneficial to the Town.

We feel that we are going into a period of economic stability. Our school costs, now almost eighty percent of our property tax, should not increase disproportionately in the future. The new power line should bring in substantial revenue starting in 1971.

We anticipate improving Campbell Mill Road in 1969 to eliminate the hazardous section of the School Bus Route.

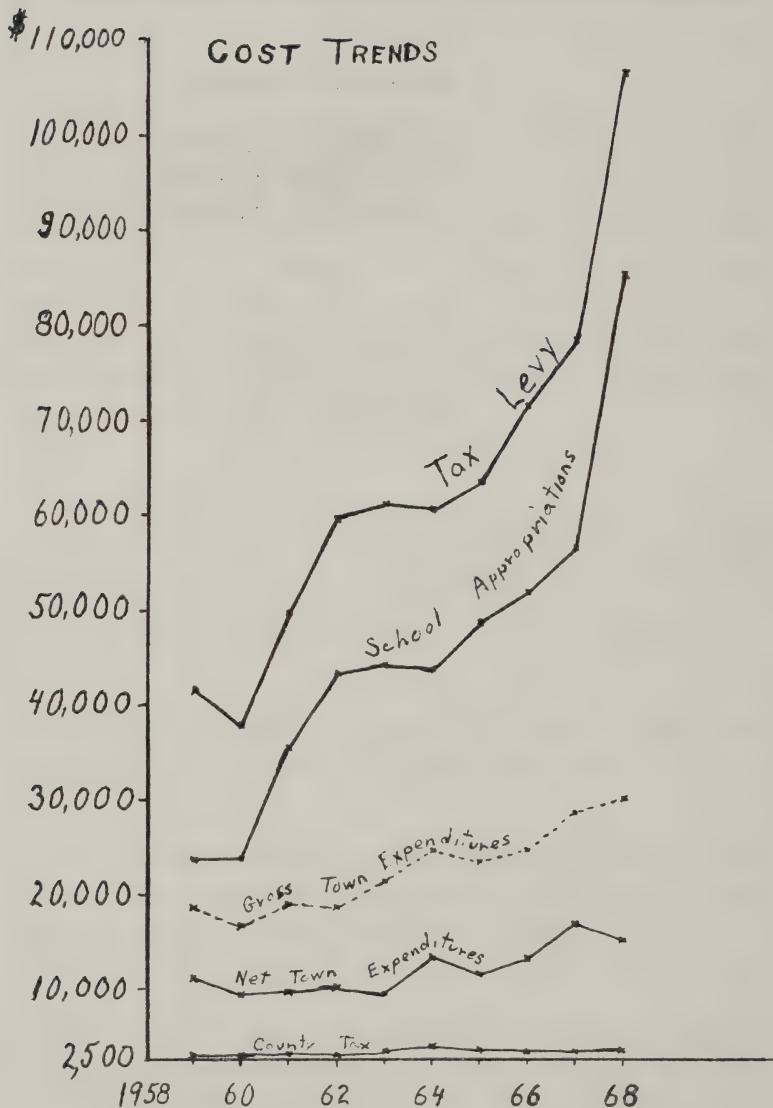
Our very successful Bi-Centennial Celebration has helped to establish two worthwhile organizations, the Wolf Rock Square Dance Group and the Mason Historical Society.

The Selectmen again wish to thank all Committee Members and Departments for their activities during the past year. We also extend our thanks to the several Town Residents who have

voluntarily given us valuable assistance in various ways. It is very gratifying to have more residents active in town affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

CEDRIC VALENTINE
RAYMOND B. PARKER
ROBERT G. MARSHALL



EXPLANATION OF GRAPH

TAX LEVY — Total amount of property taxes committed to the Tax Collector.

SCHOOL APPROPRIATION — That portion of total School Expenditures which must be raised by the Town.

TOWN EXPENDITURES — Amount spent, eliminating "In and Out" items and Capital Expenditures which are amortized.

NET TOWN EXPENDITURES — Town Expenditures less revenue from sources other than property taxes.

COUNTY TAX — Levy by County Commissioners for County Expenses.

SOURCE OF FIGURES — Town Reports.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF MASON

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
 January 1, 1969, to December 31, 1969, Compared with Estimated
 and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the
 Previous Year January 1, 1968, to December 31, 1968

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated	Actual	Estimated
	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue
	Previous Year 1968	Previous Year 1968	Ensuing Year 1969
FROM STATE			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,461.38	\$ 3,000.00
Railroad Tax	80.00	.00	80.00
Savings Bank Tax	90.00	.00	90.00
Reimbursement a/c State			
Forest Lands	130.00	371.08	200.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption			
Growing Wood and Timber	2,400.00	2,515.99	2,500.00
Meals and Room Tax	.00	903.46	900.00
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES			
Dog Licenses	Gross	(243.00)	
	Less Fees	(28.00)	
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Dog Licenses	Net Revenue	\$250.00	215.00
Permits and Filing Fees			200.00
	Gross	(69.00)	
	Less Fees	(41.35)	
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Net Revenue		10.00	27.65
Rent of Town Hall		50.00	18.00
Rent of Highway Equipment		.00	15.00
			.00

BUDGET (continued)

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year	Actual Revenue Previous Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year
SOURCES OF REVENUE	1968	1968	1969
Interest Received on Taxes		422.26	
Interest Received on Deposits	200.00	106.26	300.00
Motor Vehicle Permits—			
Gross		(6,283.68)	
Less Fees		(448.50)	
		—————	
Net Revenue	5,000.00	5,834.68	6,000.00
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES			
Poll Taxes	350.00	424.00	425.00
Yield Taxes	.00	121.05	.00
		—————	
TOTAL REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES	\$11,060.00	\$14,430.81	\$13,760.00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Actual Expend. Previous Year	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year
Approp.	Expend.	Expend.
Previous	Previous	Ensuing
Year	Year	Year
1968	1968	1969
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Town Officers' Salaries		
Selectmen	(\$ 595.00)	
Other	(425.00)	
	—————	
TOTAL	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,020.00
		\$ 1,350.00

BUDGET (continued)

	Actual	Estimated
	Approp.	Expend.
	Previous	Previous
	Year	Year
	1968	1968
		1969
Fees in lieu of Salary		(680.00*)
Town Officers' Expense		
Office Supplies and Expenses		(386.11)
Clerical		(126.00)
Town Report		(508.00)
Association Dues		(53.00)
Travel		(118.00)
Officers' Bonds		(172.00)
Equipment		(221.10)
Legal Fees		(27.50)
Registry Fees		(38.00)
 TOTAL	 \$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,651.58
		\$ 2,000.00
Election and Registration		
Payroll		(\$ 418.50)
Expense		(28.50)
 TOTAL	 \$ 350.00	\$ 447.00
		\$ 250.00
Expenses Town Hall		
Payroll		(\$ 464.25)
Fuel		(454.15)
Utiliites		(138.67)
Repairs and Supplies		(79.35)
Equipment and Improvements		(212.80)
 TOTAL	 \$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,349.22
		\$ 1,500.00
Warrant Art. 16		
Electrical Entrance	\$ 200.00	\$ 185.00
Social Security	\$ 400.00	\$ 407.66
		\$ 400.00

BUDGET (continued)

	Actual	Estimated
	Approp.	Expend.
	Previous	Previous
	Year	Year
	1968	1969
PROTECTION PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
Police Department		
Salaries	(\$ 1,327.57)	
Mileage	(232.90)	
Equipment, Supplies & Expense	(176.94)	
Answering Service	(75.00)	
TOTAL	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,812.41
Fire Department		
M. V. F. D.	(\$ 1,200.00)	
Insurance	(253.00)	
TOTAL	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,453.00
Warrant Art. 15		
Resuscitator	\$ 250.00	\$ 260.31
Care of Trees	\$ 100.00	\$.00
Insurance	\$ 850.00	\$ 895.80
Planning and Zoning	\$ 350.00	\$ 140.00
Civil Defense	\$ 100.00	\$ 95.10
HEALTH		
Health Department	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Dump	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES		
Summer Roads		
Payroll	(\$ 2,879.00)	

BUDGET (continued)

	Actual	Estimated
	Approp.	Expend.
	Previous	Previous
	Year	Year
	1968	1968
		1969
Contracted Services	(3,110.00)	
Gravel	(358.00)	
Tar, Sand and Patch	(1,155.23)	
Other Materials	(388.34)	
TOTAL	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,891.37
Class V Duncan Funds		\$ 7,500.00
Payroll	(\$ 165.25)	
Contracted Services	(928.60)	
Tar and Sand	(75.60)	
Other Materials	(187.25)	
TOTAL	(\$ 5,798.72#)	(\$ 1,356.70*)
Winter Roads		
Payroll	(\$ 1,323.00)	
Contracted Services	(5,102.17)	
Sand and Salt	(1,257.28)	
TOTAL	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,682.45
T. R. A.	\$ 829.81	\$ 829.81
Street Lighting	\$ 225.00	\$ 223.20
General Expense		\$ 225.00
Repairs	(\$ 617.07)	
Materials and Parts	(310.68)	
TOTAL	\$ 900.00	\$ 927.75
LIBRARY	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
		\$ 500.00

BUDGET (continued)

	Approp. Previous Year 1968	Expend. Previous Year 1968	Expend. Ensuing Year 1969	Actual (\$ 171.07)	Estimated
PUBLIC WELFARE					
Town Poor Gross				\$ 171.07	
less credit				(30.00)	
TOTAL	\$ 200.00	\$ 141.07	\$ 200.00		
Old Age Assistance	\$ 200.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 200.00		
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES					
Memorial Day	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		
Bi-Centennial	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$.00		
RECREATION					
Parks	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 225.00		
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE					
Cemeteries	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00		
Regional Association	\$ 102.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 119.00		
Conservation Commission	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		
INTEREST					
Temporary Loans	\$ 300.00	\$ 267.98	\$ 300.00		
Sub Total	\$ 29,856.81	\$ 30,083.71	\$ 30,724.00		
Less Revenue	11,060.00	14,430.91	13,760.00		
Net to be raised by					
Property Tax	\$ 18,796.81	\$ 15,652.80	\$ 16,964.00		
COUNTY TAXES	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,497.08	\$ 3,800.00		
SCHOOL TAXES	85,145.19	58,247.52	%		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$107,442.00	\$77,397.40			

* not included in total

% amount to be determined March 6, 1969

this includes \$514.48 unexpended in 1967 and
\$5,284.24 received in 1968

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Land and Buildings	\$1,885.775.00
Public Utilities	85,500.00
House Trailers Assessed as	
Personal Property	14,250.00
Stock in Trade	5,300.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	1,500.00
Portable Mills	200.00
Construction Machinery	2,750.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	\$1,995.275.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriation	\$ 29,556.81
Total Revenues and Credits	13,052.12
Net Town Appropriations	\$ 16,504.69
Net School Appropriations	85,145.19
County Tax Assessment	3,497.08
Total Town, School and County	105,146.96
Add: War Service Tax Credits	2,500.00
Add: Overlay	1,095.52
Property Taxes to be Raised	108,742.48

TAXES TO BE COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR

Gross Property Taxes Assessed	\$108,742.48
Less War Service Tax Credit	2,500.00
Total Property Taxes	106,242.48
1968 Poll Taxes	432.00
Total Taxes to be Committed	106,674.48

Net Property Valuation $\$1,995,275 \times .0545 = \$108,742.48$

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES

Title of Appropriation	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimburse- ments	Total Amt. Available	Expendi- tures	Unexpended Balance	Over- draft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 0.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00	1,651.58	48.42	0.00
Election and Registration	350.00	0.00	350.00	447.00	0.00	97.00
Town Hall	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	1,349.22	0.00	99.22
Social Security	400.00	a 352.08	752.08	759.74	0.00	7.66
Police Department	1,500.00	b 0.00	1,500.00	1,812.41	0.00	b 312.41
Fire Department	1,450.00	0.00	1,450.00	1,453.00	0.00	3.00
Planning and Zoning	350.00	0.00	350.00	350.00	0.00	0.00
Care of Trees	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	850.00	8.40	858.40	895.80	0.00	37.40
Civil Defense	100.00	0.00	100.00	95.10	4.90	0.00
Health	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Town Dump	600.00	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	0.00
Town Road Aid	829.81	0.00	829.81	829.81	0.00	0.00
Summer Roads	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00	7,891.37	0.00	1,391.37
Class V (Duncan) Roads	00.00	5,798.72	5,798.72	1,356.70	4,442.02	0.00
Winter Roads	8,500.00	0.00	8,500.00	7,682.45	817.55	0.00
Street Lighting	225.00	0.00	225.00	223.20	1.80	0.00
General Expense, Highway	900.00	0.00	900.00	927.75	0.00	27.75
Library	600.00	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	0.00
Old Age Assistance	200.00	0.00	200.00	1.00	199.00	0.00
Town Poor	200.00	30.00	230.00	171.07	58.93	0.00
Memorial Day	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures (cont.)

Title of Appropriation	Approp- riations	Receipts & Reimburse- ments	Total Amt. Available	Expendi- tures	Unexpend- ed	Over- draft
Bi-Centennial	500.00	29.61	529.61	529.61	0.00	0.00
Parks	150.00	00.00	150.00	150.00	00.00	00.00
Cemeteries	300.00	00.00	300.00	250.00	50.00	00.00
Regional	102.00	00.00	102.00	102.00	00.00	00.00
Conservation Commission	50.00	00.00	50.00	50.00	00.00	00.00
Interest	300.00	00.00	300.00	267.98	32.02	00.00
Article 15 Resuscitator	250.00	00.00	250.00	260.31	00.00	10.31
Article 16 Electrical Entrance	200.00	00.00	200.00	185.00	15.00	00.00
TOTALS		\$29,856.81	\$ 6,218.81	\$36,075.62	\$31,852.10	\$ 6,209.64
						\$ 1,986.12

a Social Security withheld

b Accounts Receivable \$257.89

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes	\$107,998.11
From State	12,547.74
From Local Sources except Taxes	6,759.44
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue	22,508.40
Cash on Hand January 1, 1968	19,418.84
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	\$169,232.53

PAYMENTS

General Government	\$ 5,333.25
Protection of Persons and Property	4,658.62
Health	650.00
Highways and Bridges	18,911.28
Library	600.00
Public Welfare	172.07
Patriotic Purposes	629.61
Recreation	150.00
Public Service Enterprise	300.00
Unclassified	1,495.74
Interest	267.98
Indebtedness and C.D.	52,500.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions	63,026.37
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	\$148,694.87
Cash on Hand December 31, 1968	20,537.60
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	\$169,232.53

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash on Hand December 31, 1968	\$ 50,537.66
Accounts Due to the Town	292.89
Uncollected Taxes	15,528.25
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 66,358.80

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town	
Unexpended Balances of Special	
Appropriations	\$ 196.40
Due to State	374.74
Due to Schools	55,488.56
Unexpended Highway Funds	4,442.02
TOTAL	\$ 60,501.72
Excess of Assets over Liabilities (Surplus)	5,857.08
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 66,358.80

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall	\$ 20,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Library—	
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Police Department—	
Equipment	400.00

Fire Department—	
Equipment	3,500.00
Highway Department—	
Equipment	2,500.00
Parks and Playgrounds	1,000.00
	----- \$ 28,900.00

TOWN OWNED LAND

Obtained By Purchase

22a Lucy Lawrence Lot

Obtained By Gift

1a Veterans of Foreign Wars Lot

Obtained By Tax Sale

20a Robbins Lot	11a Hall Lot
12a Henry Barrett Lot	20a Jefts Lot
5a Shattuck Lot	30a Foster Lot
15a Pt. Farwell Farm	25a Sawtelle Lot
100a Undivided 1/2 Interest	
Baldwin Lot	

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Cash on Hand January 1, 1968	\$.00
Cash Received 1968	
Filing Fees	5.00
Dogs 60 Male	\$ 120.00
12 Female	60.00
4 Kennel	61.00
Penalties	2.00

	243.00

Auto Registration	
1967 — 26	230.31
1968 — 477	6,052.87
	—————
	6,283.18
Total Received 1968	6,531.18
Paid to Treasurer	6,531.18
Balance on Hand December 31, 1968	\$.00

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

(For Previous Year's Levy)

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

STATE HEAD TAX

LEVY OF 1967

DR.

Uncollected Taxes—As of January 1, 1968	\$ 315.00
Added Taxes During 1968	20.00
Penalties Collected During 1968	28.50
	—————
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 363.50

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Remittances to Treasurer During 1968:

Head Taxes	\$ 305.00
Penalties	28.50
	—————
	\$ 333.50
Abatements During 1968	30.00
Uncollected Head Taxes—As Per Collector's List	00.00
	—————
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 363.50

(For Current Year's Levy)

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

**STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1968**

DR.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$ 1,295.00
Added Taxes	00.00
 Total Commitment	\$ 1,295.00
Penalties Collected	3.50
 TOTAL DEBITS	 \$ 1,298.50

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Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$ 985.00
Penalties	3.50
 Abatements	 35.00
Uncollected Head Taxes—As Per Collector's List	275.00
 TOTAL CREDITS	 \$ 1,298.50

(For Previous Year's Levy)

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

**PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1967**

DR.

Uncollected Taxes—As of January 1, 1968:

Property Taxes	\$ 11,823.00
Poll Taxes	108.00
Yield Taxes	00.00
	————— \$ 11,931.00

Added Taxes:	
Yield Taxes	107.00
Poll Taxes	8.00
	115.00
Interest Collected During Fiscal Year	
Ended December 31, 1968	217.79
Costs Collected	87.82
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 12,351.61
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Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1968:	
Property Taxes	\$ 11,823.00
Poll Taxes	104.00
Yield Taxes	107.00
Interest Collected During Year	217.79
Costs Collected	87.82
	\$ 12,339.61
Abatements Made During Year:	
Property Taxes	\$ 00.00
Poll Taxes	12.00
Yield Taxes	00.00
	\$ 12.00
Uncollected Taxes--As Per Collector's List:	
Poll Taxes	\$ 00.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 12,351.61

(For Current Year's Levy)
SUMMARY OF WARRANT
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1968

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$106,242.93
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Poll Taxes	432.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	00.00
 Total Warrant	 \$106,674.93
Yield Taxes	14.05
Added Taxes:	
Property Taxes	\$ 604.14
Poll Taxes	00.00
	————— \$ 604.14
Interest Collected	15.26
 TOTAL DEBITS	 \$107,308.38
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Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	\$ 91,603.01
Poll Taxes	320.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	00.00
Yield Taxes	14.05
Interest Collected	15.26
	————— \$ 91,952.32
Abatements:	
Property Taxes	\$ 74.81
Poll Taxes	14.00
Yield Taxes	00.00
	————— \$ 88.81
Uncollected Taxes—As Per Collector's List:	
Property Taxes	\$ 15,169.25
Poll Taxes	98.00
Yield Taxes	00.00
	————— \$ 15,253.25
 TOTAL CREDITS	 \$107,308.38

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1968**

DR.

	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of			
	1968	1967	1966	Previous Years
(a) Taxes Sold to Town During Cur- rent Fiscal Year \$	00.00	\$ 977.99	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
(b) Balance of Un- redeemed Taxes January 1, 1968	00.00	00.00	1,094.99	115.48
Interest Collected After Sale	00.00	39.44	123.86	25.91
Redemption Costs	00.00	1.48	2.38	2.76
TOTAL DEBITS \$	00.00	\$ 1,018.80	\$ 1,221.23	\$ 144.15

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Remittances to Treas- urer During Year \$	00.00	\$ 1,018.80	\$ 1,221.23	\$ 144.15
Abatements During Year	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Deeded to Town During Year	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Unredeemed Taxes—At Close of Year	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
TOTAL CREDITS \$	00.00	\$ 1,018.800	\$ 1,221.23	\$ 144.15

UNCOLLECTED HEAD AND POLL TAXES

Levy of 1968

*Paid After December 31, 1968

†Partial Payment After December 31, 1968

‡Abatement

	State	Head	Tax	Poll	Tax
Bergeron, Fernand	\$	5.00	\$	2.00	
Bergeron, Lorraine M.		5.00		2.00	
*Castle, Mary G.		5.00		2.00	
Coyne, Theresa S.		5.00		2.00	
Croumie, Marjorie		5.00		2.00	
Croumie, Richard		5.00		2.00	
Flagg, Helen		5.00		2.00	
Flagg, Irving		5.00		0.00	
Fournier, Warren		5.00		2.00	
Graham, Helen E.		5.00		2.00	
Graham, James R.		5.00		0.00	
Helstein, Eino A.		5.00		2.00	
Helstein, Irene M.		5.00		2.00	
*Illomaki, Asser O.		5.00		0.00	
*Illomaki, Vivian M.		5.00		2.00	
LaPointe, Jeanne L.		5.00		2.00	
LaPointe, Ronald R.		5.00		2.00	
Leach, Elizabeth		5.00		2.00	
Leach, Herbert		5.00		2.00	
Leger, Elaine L.		5.00		2.00	
Leger, Norman J.		5.00		2.00	
Leino, Leo O.		5.00		2.00	
Leino, Lillian A.		5.00		2.00	
Lord, George O.		5.00		2.00	
Lord, Hazel B.		5.00		2.00	
Maloon, Ferne		5.00		2.00	
Maloon, Lester		5.00		2.00	

Marlies, Louise S.	5.00	2.00
Marlies, Michael W.	5.00	2.00
McCormack, Bernita	5.00	2.00
McCormack, Donald M.	5.00	2.00
Moore, Charles J.	5.00	2.00
Moore, Sandra A.	5.00	2.00
Murto, Helvi L.	5.00	2.00
Murto, Oiva W.	5.00	0.00
Pfeffer, Mel K.	5.00	2.00
Pfeffer, Pauline J.	5.00	2.00
Reed, Beverly	5.00	2.00
Rines, James E. Jr.	5.00	2.00
Rines, Mary E.	5.00	2.00
SanSoucie, Paul	5.00	2.00
Sherwin, Irene M.	5.00	2.00
Sherwin, Richard A.	5.00	2.00
*Spear, Alfred M.	5.00	2.00
*Spear, Margaret M.	5.00	2.00
Tibbetts, Judith A.	5.00	2.00
Tibbetts, Kenneth	5.00	2.00
Tornell, Bengt H.	5.00	0.00
Tornell, Ruth M.	5.00	2.00
Trempe, Lea Marie	5.00	2.00
Trempe, Roger L.	5.00	2.00
Victorella, Carol A.	5.00	2.00
Victorella, Charles J.	5.00	2.00
*Washburn, G. Porter	5.00	0.00
*Washburn, Liala	5.00	2.00

\$ 275.00 \$ 98.00

UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES

Levy of 1968

*Paid After December 31, 1968

†Partial Payment After December 31, 1968

‡Abatement

Residents

Anderson, Robert K. and Isabel S.	\$ 249.75
*Bell, James	245.25
Bergeron, Roger	40.88
*Castle, Mary G.	708.50
*Clark, William T. and Virginia R.	654.00
Derosiers, Conrad R. and Anita Marie	317.83
Foster, Allen N. and Marsha L.	597.35
Graham, James R.	490.50
Helstein, Eino A.	16.35
†Ilomaki, Asser O. and Vivian M.	680.30
*Kondraka, Anna	336.95
LaPointe, Ronald R. and Jeanne L.	158.05
Leger, Norman J. and Elaine	485.05
Leino, Allan	234.35
Lord, George O.	392.40
Moore, Charles J. and Sandra A.	997.35
Murto, Oiva W. and Helvi L.	2,496.10
Pfeffer, Mel K. and Pauline J.	872.00
*Potter, Bronson	35.43
Rines, James E. Jr.	201.65
Shertzer, John A.	168.00
*Spear, Alfred M. and Margaret M.	414.20

†Tornell, Bengt H. and Ruth M.	756.60
Washburn, G. Porter	617.91
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	\$12,166.75

Non-Residents

Albright, Nile and Martin L.	\$ 283.40
Ayotte, Donald M. and William J.	174.40
Bagley, Annie Laurie	6.82
*Barnes, Charles L. and Florence C.	10.90
Bastian, Leo	21.80
Blood, Ernest C.	27.25
Brown, Loren	27.25
Byers, Arthur C. and Alice M.	27.25
Conant, Harold A.	54.50
Corlis, Charles and Curtis, Henry M.	219.64
Doucette, Edwin J.	147.15
Elliot, Wesley and Sylvia	21.80
*Farrar, Robert E. and Dorothy K.	256.15
Kelley, Charles E.	4.91
Kelley, Donald E.	130.80
LeBlanc, Joseph S. and Florida	24.26
McJennett, John F. Jr.	460.58
New England Lumber Co.	26.71
Pope, John A. and Annie M.	256.15
Porter, Donald M.	6.54
Somero, Oscar Heirs	87.20
*Taylor, Hal Inc.	55.59
Valenti, Isadore	147.15

*Williams, Thurston V. and Marjorie L.	426.74
Woods, Iris J.	27.25
*Ryan, William J.	70.31
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	\$ 3,002.50

I hereby certify that the lists showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1968, on account of the tax levy of 1968, are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOYCE H. HODGES
Tax Collector

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Cash on Hand January 1, 1968	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 10,000.00
Balance Wilton National Bank	9,418.84
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Total Cash on Hand January 1, 1968	\$ 19,418.84
 Cash Received 1968	
Town Clerk	\$ 6,531.18
Tax Collector	107,998.11
Selectmen	32,784.40
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	147,313.69
 Total Cash Received 1968	166,732.53
Selectmen's Orders Paid	146,194.87
 Cash Balance	
Balance Wilton National Bank December 31, 1968	20,537.66
Certificate of Deposit Wilton National Bank	
December 31, 1968	10,000.00

Certificate of Deposit Wilton National Bank

December 31, 1968

20,000.00

Total Cash on Hand December 31, 1968

\$ 50,537.66

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. H. CRATHERN

Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

BOYNTON COMMON SCHOOL FUND

Receipts

Keene Savings Bank, Interest	\$ 197.59
Wilton National Bank, Interest	249.39
Peterborough Savings Bank, Interest	100.20
	————— \$ 547.18

Payments

Mildred H. Wharff, School District Treasurer	\$ 271.72
Isabelle Alex, Masenic Regional School Treasurer	275.46
	————— \$ 547.18

Investments

Keene Savings Bank	\$ 4,106.84
Wilton National Bank	4,956.23
Peterborough Savings Bank	2,000.00
	————— \$ 11,063.07

STEARNS COMMON SCHOOL BEQUEST

Receipts

Wilton National Bank, 1967 Interest	\$ 136.73
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Wilton National Bank, Interest	275.21
U. S. Savings Bond, Interest	125.00
	—————\$ 536.94

Payments

Mildred H. Wharff, School District Treasurer	\$ 237.71
Isabelle Alex, Masenic School District Treasurer	\$ 199.23
	—————\$ 536.94

Investments

Wilton National Bank	\$ 5,469.36
U. S. Savings Bond. 2.50%	5,000.00
	—————\$ 10,469.36

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 1968	\$ 9,564.33
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Receipts

Mason Village Savings Bank, Interest	\$ 431.37
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Payments

Cemetery Trustees	\$ 431.37
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Investments

Mason Village Savings Bank	\$ 9,564.33
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LIBRARY BUILDING FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 1968	\$ 1,023.47
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Receipts

Wilton National Bank, Interest	\$ 51.82
Mrs. Letty Proctor, Gift in memory of James O. Reed Jr.	2,500.00
	—————\$ 3,575.29

Investments

Wilton National Bank	\$ 3,575.29
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BICENTENNIAL FUND

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1968	\$ 523.89
Receipts	
Wilton National Bank, Interest	20.56
	————— \$ 544.45
Payments	
Virginia Rafter, Treasurer, Mason Bicentennial Committee	\$ 544.45
CONRAY G. WHARFF, Treasurer	

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

	Receipts
Town Appropriation	\$ 250.00
Louis B. Smith, Lot 120	25.00
Regina Walsh, Lot 117	25.00
	————— \$ 300.00
	Payments
James Tibbets	\$ 40.50
Teddy Lord	10.50
George Robinson	6.00
Paul Hyatt	7.50
Bruce Tornell	12.00
Lumbertown, Posts	10.00
Lewis Jackson	15.00
Murdock Dunn	43.75
Raymond Ackerman	4.00
C. G. Wharff	150.75
	————— \$ 300.00

PERPETUAL CARE ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1968 \$ 45.82

Receipts

Bank, Interest	\$.04
Cemetery Trust Fund, Interest	431.37
	----- \$ 477.23

Payments

Derby & Little	\$	91.70
R. L. Robichaud, Loam		15.00
Raymond Ackerman		6.00
Fletcher's		24.75
C. G. Wharff		339.00
	\$	476.45
Unexpended		.78
	\$	477.23

CONRAD G. WHAREFF Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of all officers of the town for the year of 1968. My examination indicates that all receipts and expenditures have been accounted for and that the various reports will show a true statement of all financial transactions of the Town for 1968.

TRACY A. EATON

Town Auditor for 1968

REPORT OF FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Financial Advisory Committee has, during the past year, advised the Selectmen on appropriate occasions. In January of this year the Committee met in joint session with the Selectmen for a detailed review of the budget for the forthcoming year, which was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. THOMPSON,
Chairman

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Receipts

Cash on Hand January 1968	\$ 192.37
Town Appropriation	600.00
Gifts	60.00
Overdue Book Fines	9.98
 Total Receipts	 \$ 862.35

Expenditures

Fuel and Maintenance	\$ 104.54
Books and Magazines	372.20
Library Supplies	72.44
Maintenance—Supplies and Labor	54.60
Librarian—Salary	200.00
Library Fees	18.00

Postage	7.20
Total Expenditures	\$ 828.98
Balance on Hand January 1969	\$ 33.37

Respectfully submitted,

VIRGINIA R. CLARK
LILLIAN JOHNSON
Trustees

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board was not as busy in 1968 as it had been in the previous year because the Planning Ordinance of 1967 had been approved and the revisions to the Building Code were voted in the affirmative at the March 1968 Town Meeting. Both ordinances appear to be working effectively to prevent undesirable development in the Town. Furthermore, the Board must assume that the ordinances have not caused any hardships to the residents of Mason since no one has come to any of our regular monthly meetings to express their dissatisfaction.

The main item of concern to the Board this year was the proposed 345-kv power line which is to be constructed by Public Service Company of New Hampshire and which would traverse about four miles of Mason. The Board met many times with officials, engineers, and surveyors from Public Service until such time as the Board was convinced (1) that the passage of the line through Mason was both reasonable and necessary, (2) that after they had surveyed several alternate routes suggested by the Board in conjunction with Carl Valyou and Bob Marshall, Public Service indeed had selected the most practical route, (3) that Public Service had considered the objections of the abutters and had

dealt fairly with them, and (4) that the revenue that the Town would derive from the installation was more desirable than the inconvenience it might cause. On February 5, 1969, the question was brought to a vote before the Town at a Public Hearing as required by Article V, Section B-1 as it applies to Section A-4 of the Planning Ordinance. The line was approved.

The Planning Board met with the Conservation Commission and enthusiastically endorsed the commission's recommendations for the installation of a public skating rink in the Mason School-yard and for the development of Pratt Pond as a recreational area.

Mason has now the opportunity to join with a regional planning board presently consisting of Nashua, Hudson and Merrimack. The regional concept will provide a greater source of information for Mason, will make federal money available to the Town, and will not exercise any jurisdiction over Mason's affairs. The question has been inserted in the warrant for the Town Meeting.

The year was not without its disappointments since the Planning Board lost two of its most valuable members, Mrs. Mary Castle and Mr. Calvin Wentworth, both of whom have moved from Mason. Their record of conscientious, informed and dedicated service to the Town of Mason helped immeasurably in making both the Planning Ordinance and the Building Code a reality. I would like also to acknowledge the valued assistance of Mr. Harry Preble, secretary to the Board, who was forced to resign in order to continue his education.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD L. McCAFFERY
Chairman

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

There have been twelve (12) building permits issued during the past year. They have been issued for the following:

- (4) Permanent dwellings
- (2) Garages
- (1) Masonry footing and foundation and septic system for Mobile Home
- (5) Septic systems

One of the Permanent dwellings has received a completion certificate and one (1) garage and three (3) septic systems have been completed.

The Selectmen and I have made the following as points of inspections for each building permit when applicable.

1. Footing forms before pouring.
2. Sanitary System before pipes are covered.
3. Framing, wiring and plumbing before being covered by any insulation, dry-wall or lath.
4. Final inspection before occupancy.

I will be available to assist anyone in need of assistance on any building problem.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH B. WILSON
Building Inspector

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Mason Police Department is now equipped with 4 two-way Police radio sets. Equipment has been purchased and issued

to each officer to enable him to perform his duty efficiently on any occasion.

The primary function of a Police Department is to insure the safety of the people of the Town it serves, but it is also necessary to see that each officer is equipped to the best degree of safety in the performance of his duty.

The weekly patrol from November to April is still in effect. Any summer resident wishing to be added to the list should contact the Chief of Police.

The 24 hour Police Answering Service can be reached by calling **878-1611**. Emergency call cards are available by contacting the Chief of Police.

I hereby submit the annual report of the Police Department for the year 1968.

Accidents	5	Juvenile Problems	5
Dog Complaints	15	Hospital Trips	3
Dogs Missing	4	Assistance to other	
Horse Complaints	4	Towns	3
Run-away Children	3	Stolen Vehicles Recovered	1
Family Problems	3	Stolen Vehicles	1
Attempted Suicide	1	Truant Problems	2
Shootings	1	Disorderly Conduct	1
Hunting Accidents	1	Court Cases	
Larceny	2	(Motor Vehicle)	6
Break, Entry and Larceny	9	Court Cases (Other)	2
Drunkenness	2	Summons Served	8
Abandoned Vehicles	1	Pistol Permits Issued	4

Respectfully submitted,

FRED S. GILSON
Chief of Police

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the summer of 1968 we moved into the new station on Depot Road. This has been a big improvement as there is now room to work on the apparatus so that proper maintenance can be accomplished. This was not possible in our former rented quarters due to over crowding.

Two oil burners were installed in the fall and an underground 2000 gal. tank to provide heat. Insulation has also been installed by the department members and wiring is almost completed. We hope to install the siding on the station this summer if we have the funds. As yet, no town funds are involved in the building of the fire station.

Funds were received from the town this year to allow the purchase of fire coats for the department which affords some sorely needed protection for the men. We hope to purchase helmets, boots and mittens in 1969 so that the men will have full protective gear. Firefighting is hazardous enough even with proper clothing.

A gasoline driven water pump has been acquired through the Forestry Division which has been set up in the station. This allows the pumping of water from the pond to the trucks from inside the station. This is quite an asset especially in cold weather.

Through the efforts of our C. D. Director, we have obtained a 5-KW standby generator for the fire station. It is large enough to carry the electrical load of the station.

The fire emergency number is 878-1611. In case of fire or other emergencies, this is the number to call. Do not call other people or the fire departments of other towns as this just makes unnecessary confusion. Call 878-1611, give your message slowly and clearly and they will do the rest.

At this time, we have a few vacancies in the department membership. Any person who feels that he would be interested in becoming a member should contact the chief or any other department member for information. Meetings are the first and third Thursdays of each month.

At this time, I would like to thank the members of the department who have given long hours and service to the department in 1968. Without these men the department could not function. Members also attended fire schools at Guilford and Fitzwilliam during the year.

Many thanks to the fire departments of Greenville, Brookline and Townsend for mutual aid assistance during the year.

Building fires	2
Trailer fires	1
Mutual aid given	1
Mutual aid received	3
Faulty LP gas installations corrected	2
Public buildings inspected	4
Oil burners inspected	8
Oil burners re-inspected	4

Respectfully submitted,

ALWIN E. HODSON, JR.
Fire Chief

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

People cause fires. Our records show that the number of fires increase in an area as the population increases and our state is growing tremendously. This means that we all must be aware of fire causes and do our best to prevent their occurrence.

When we are very young the lighted matches is an adventure, burnt fingers and a dropped match is another fire. A little older we like to have a woodland cookout, or go out by ourselves for a smoke but fire and forests get together for another statistic. We adults like to clean up in the spring, burn the old debris and the dead grass, result—escaped fires and much personal expense.

With new homes and summer cottages located in woodlands and with abandoned fields and forests crowding the back yard of our villages' streets, it is necessary that everyone be aware all through the fire season, which comes with the disappearance of the snow, of the need to be careful with outdoor fires and fire sources.

The following action will help:

1. To teach our children the danger of lighted matches.
2. To never discard lighted smoking material from a car or while walking through fields or woods.
3. To safely dispose of rubbish preferably at the town dump.

If you must burn—

- a. You need a written permit from the town fire warden for all debris burning except when the ground is covered with snow. Cooking fires in outdoor fireplaces or in charcoal brasiers in your own back yard is permitted on notification of the warden.
- b. The warden is forbidden by regulation to allow burning of household rubbish on grass by householders between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.
- c. Have equipment on hand to control the fire before you light the match.

4. Promptly report any fire out of control to your fire warden or fire department.

Help to keep our town out of the fire occurrence column and save your tax dollars for useful purposes.

Forest fire record for 1968:

	Number of Fires	Woodland acres burned
State	593	349
District	166	147 $\frac{1}{2}$
Town	0	0

ALWIN HODSON, JR.,
Warden

WINTHROP H. HANNAFORD,
District Fire Chief

REPORT OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION

One vacancy remains unfilled on the commission. Anyone interested should contact Cliff Hastings, Chairman, or Curt Dunn, Vice-chairman.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the town hall at 8:00 P. M. The commission extends an invitation to those interested in conservation or those with a conservation problem to attend.

A map of Mason is being designed for purpose of accurately locating forgotten roads, drains, water-holes or other geographical points of interest to the commission and the town.

Clean-up day was conducted on May 18th. Enthusiasm of the younger generation was excellent. Adult participation could be improved. This activity takes place once yearly in conjunction with the state clean-up campaign. State-wide, many thousands of dollars are saved through this endeavor.

Opening of fire lanes and the location of additional water-

holes will start in the spring. This has been made possible by a grant from the Spaulding-Potter Charitable Trusts.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON W. HASTINGS,
Chairman

Financial Report

Receipts		Disbursements	
Town Appropriation	\$ 50.00	Refreshments	\$ 6.00
Grant	250.00	Postage, etc.	19.93
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	\$300.00		\$ 25.93
Balance	\$279.07		

Edith M. Marshall, Treasurer

REPORT OF BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Your committee authorized by the 1966 Town Meeting submits herewith the final report covering its activities in recognition of Mason's Two Hundredth Anniversary.

Our first event was the dedication by the school children of very beautiful Uncle Sam and Betsy Ross flags to fly from a splendid forty foot fibreglass pole which was placed on the Town Common. All were duly accepted by our town officials at ceremonies held on Uncle Sams' 201st birthday which occurred on September 13, 1967.

Throughout the period of preparations great activity was in evidence. Our Town Commons and Public Buildings were beautifully landscaped. The Town Pound was properly restored and marked later to become a domicile for real live cattle during the big day. The Burial Place of The First White Child

was made a scene of lasting beauty to be deeded to The Mason Historical Society. Wolf Rock was cleared and The Pine Grove setting off the new paved parking lot at the Town Hall was trimmed attractively.

The second major event was the Memorial Day program. The school children put on a well coached performance of the "Uncle Sam" play. The V.F.W. Color Guard, The Firing Squad and The Fitchburg Legion Band led the parade to the cemetery and return.

Other events were the "Essay Contest" for the upper grades and the "Drawings" by children of the lower grades. All concerning Mason people, places and things they had brought to light signs of greatness in the hearts and minds of the rising generation.

As the "Great Days" approached excitement filled the air. The Bicentennial King and Queen were properly crowned at the Coronation Ball on August 17. The Square Dance on Friday evening, August 23rd, was a very splendid thing to see. The Caller—His Orchestra—The Decorated Band Stand—The Many Colored Japanese Lanterns—The Flood Lights—The Colorful Costumes of The Dancers all combined to bring joy and satisfaction to the hearts of all.

On the 24th of August, being blessed with very fine weather the great events of the day properly announced by our Master of Ceremonies proceeded with precision. In the midst of a sea of activity stood our many interesting attractions: The newly decorated Church and Carriages Sheds—The Bible Exhibit—The Authentic Mason Antiques on display at The Williams House—Mason Photographs at the School—Many Lunch Bars and two or three concessions. An Information Booth in charge of Souvenir sales and a Guest Book in which former residents and descendants personally recorded great names from the past. The "Mason Book" was on sale and moved out at a rate far in ex-

cess of our fondest hopes. The Firemen offered Pony Rides for the kids and The Girl Scouts set up a Typical Camp Site furnishing information as to the location of Historical Sites.

Many games were enjoyed by all ages. There were: Egg Throwing—Spike Driving—Wood Chopping—Tug of War and a "Girl Dunking" Contest—which was a constant attraction all day long.

The Parade got under way after Picnic Lunches were over and the many carefully selected units brought great joy to the spectators who lined the route. "Uncle Sam" led the parade followed by The Spirit of '76—The Revolutionary Soldiers—The Dressy Color Guard and so on down the line including The Surry with the Colonial Dames—Doctor Barber in his Buggy—The Brothers of the Brush—The Clowns—The Little Minister and His Wife on horseback—The Tin Pedlar driving John Boynton's fully equipped Original Wagon—The Fitchburg Legion Band—The Spartans Drum Corps—The King and Queen and all others who combined to make a display never to be forgotten. It is to be noted here that the Mason Police did yeoman's work throughout the week to maintain order and control the parking.

As the parade broke up The Legion Band retired to The Common and delivered a real old fashioned Band Concert much to the delight of the "Old Timers" present. The Spartans put on a tremendous drill on the ball field which was followed by a very real and exciting "Live Fire" demonstration by our Fire Department. A ball game followed and then The Chicken Barbecue. In the evening the "Uncle Sam Play" was put on by the school children under the lights in a delightful woodland setting adjacent to the Town Hall.

A Resplendant Patriotic and Religious Order of Worship announced the "Old Fashioned Church Service" on Sunday the 25th at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Elders in proper attire were present to assure constant attention to the sermon. The Women, many of them in old fashioned costume, were seated on the right of the sanctuary, the men on the left. Vintage hymns were sung and a "Cantor" lined out one which had gone out of common print. The Scripture, Responsive Reading and Statement of Faith followed closely the doctrine of our early church. The Sermon, ably delivered by our minister used as its text those ageless words from the Bible: Faith, Hope and Love. These three guided the early settlers, have prevailed for two hundred years and will continue to be the mainstay of those whose privilege it will be to guide the affairs pertinent to our Tricentennial one hundred years from now.

If we have forgotten anything which contributed to the happy events of those glorious days it is not intentional and if the lack of personal recognition is noticeable here it has been done for a dual purpose: for fear that someone might be overlooked and for lack of space to name them all.

We're a little sad now that it's all over but we do feel that we properly recognized the noble heritage which it was our privilege to proclaim.

Your most humble servants,
THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
by its Chairman
JAMES A ROWSE

FINANCIAL REPORT

Available Funds

Authorized by Town Meetings (1966-1967-1968)	\$ 1,500.00
Transfer—Old Home Day Fund	482.28
Transfer—Town	29.00
Donations	487.25*

Sale of Mason Book	333.00
Sale of Commemorative Material	843.98
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	\$ 3,675.51

Expenditures

Flags and Flag Pole	\$ 517.00
Rehabilitation of Cattle Pound	250.00
Parade	300.00
Landscaping	171.00
Commemorative Material	1,122.00
Advertising	185.00
Mason Book Committee	333.00
Miscellaneous	470.00
Balance on Hand	327.48
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	\$ 3,675.51

*Of \$500.00 previously reported \$250.00 was received for and paid to the Book Committee.

FINAL MASON SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator: Mr. Richard Hodges, Jr.	July 1968
Clerk: Mrs. Helen Foote	July 1968
Treasurer: Mrs. Mildred Wharff	July 1968
Auditor: Mr. Arthur J. Thompson	July 1968

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Charles W. Fifield, Chairman	July 1968
Mrs. Joyce H. Hodges	July 1968
Mr. George W. Cook	July 1968

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Kenneth A. Sargent, Wilton, N. H.

TEACHING STAFF 1967-1968

Mrs. Neta S. Frost, Principal	Grades 1 and 2
Miss Barbara F. Smith	Grades 3 and 4
Mrs. Virginia M. Rafter	Grades 5 and 6
Mr. Joseph W. Hebert	Grades 7 and 8
Mrs. Anna C. Fifield	Art
Mr. Clark L. Greene	Music

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Laila E. Luhtala, R. N.

SCHOOL DOCTOR

Robert Wellwood, M. D.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1968

RECEIPTS

10. REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES

11.00	Taxation and Appropriation	
11.11	Current Appropriation	\$ 52,274.58
11.12	Deficit Appropriation	291.13

19. OTHER REVENUE

19.10	Trust Funds	938.22
19.40	Gifts and Bequests	35.00
19.90	Other Sources	3.00

30. REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES

31.00	Foundation Aid	9,139.55
32.00	School Building Aid	1,416.99

35.00	Intellectually Retarded	127.69
36.00	Sweepstakes	981.43
40. REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES		
45.00	School Lunch and Special Milk	940.00
47.00	Public Law 874	728.00
48.00	TITLE I	2,857.59
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TOTAL NET RECEIPTS FROM		
ALL SOURCES		\$ 69,733.18
Cash on Hand at Beginning		
of Year July 1, 1967		5,417.59
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GRAND TOTAL NET RECEIPTS \$		75,150.77

EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NET EXPENDITURES AND GROSS TRANSACTIONS

A. RECEIPTS

Total Net Receipts plus Cash on Hand July 1, 1967	\$ 75,150.77
Receipts Recorded under Item 60	561.71
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TOTAL GROSS RECEIPTS	\$ 75,712.48

B. EXPENDITURES

Total Net Expenditures plus	
Cash on Hand June 30, 1968	\$ 75,150.77
Expenditures reduced by Receipts recorded in Item 60	561.71
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TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURES	\$ 75,712.48

EXPENDITURES

100. ADMINISTRATION

110.00	Salaries for Administration	
110.10	District Officers	\$ 155.00
135.00	Contracted Services	150.00
190.00	Other Expenses	
190.10	District Officers	137.05

200.	INSTRUCTION	
210.00	Salaries	
210.20	Teacher Consultants and Supervisors	1,100.00
210.30	Teachers	23,045.00
210.40	Other Instructional Staff	2,472.50
215.00	Textbooks	474.78
220.00	School Libraries and Audiovisual Materials	70.67
230.00	Teaching Supplies	1,244.88
235.00	Contracted Services	132.45
290.00	Other Expenses	52.45
400.	HEALTH SERVICES	
410.00	Salaries	377.00
490.00	Other Expenses	26.87
500.	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	
535.00	Contracted Services	7,773.40
600.	OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT	
610.00	Salaries	1,200.00
630.00	Supplies except Utilities	375.14
635.00	Contracted Services	.00
640.00	Heat for Buildings	719.53
645.00	Utilities, except Heat	572.69
700.	MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	
725.00	Replacement of Equipment	221.20
726.00	Repairs to Equipment	41.07
735.00	Contracted Services	456.89
766.00	Repairs to Buildings	194.55
800.	FIXED CHARGES	
850.00	District's Contribution to Employee Retirement	
850.20	Teachers' Retirement System	1,020.80
850.30	Federal Insurance Contribution Act	854.92
855.00	Insurance	356.95

900.	SCHOOL LUNCH AND SPECIAL MILK	
910.00	Salaries	75.00
975.00	Expenditures and Transfers of Monies	
975.10	Federal Monies	940.00
975.20	District Monies	76.05
1000.	STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES	
1075.00	Expenditures and Transfers of Monies	25.00
1200.	CAPITAL OUTLAY	
1266.00	Buildings	326.40
1267.00	Equipment	193.35
1300.	DEBT SERVICE FROM CURRENT MONIES	
1370.00	Principal of Debt	2,700.00
1371.00	Interest on Debt	991.85
1400.	OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS	
1477.00	Expenditures to Other School Districts in the State or Administration Units	
1477.10	Tuition to Other School School Districts	345.00
1477.11	Tuition to Public Academies	11,662.26
1477.30	District Share of Supervisory Union Expenses	1,526.97
1478.00	Expenditures to School Districts Administrative Units in another State	
1478.10	Tuition	10,659.36
1479.00	Expenditures to Other than Public Schools 1479.10 Tuition to Private Nonsectarian Schools	1,146.22
	TOTAL NET EXPENDITURES FOR ALL PURPOSES	\$ 73,893.25
Cash on Hand at end of Year, June 30, 1968		1,257.52
	GRAND TOTAL NET EXPENDITURES	\$ 75,150.77

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1968

ASSETS

Cash on Hand June 30, 1968, General Fund	\$ 1,257.52
Accounts Due to District	
None	

TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,257.52
Net Debt (Excess Liabilities over Assets)	25,837.48
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 27,095.00

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by District	
Charles E. Merrill Co.—Title I—skill tape	\$ 95.00
Notes and Bonds Outstanding	27,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 27,095.00

GRAND TOTAL	\$ 27,095.00
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STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS

1. Name of Building or Project for which Notes or Bonds were Issued	Addition	Total
2. Outstanding at Beginning of Year	\$29,700.00	\$29,700.00
3. Issued During Year
4. Total (2 plus 3)	\$29,700.00	\$29,700.00
5. Payments of Principal of Debt	2,700.00	2,700.00
6. Notes and Bonds Outstanding at End of Year	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. FIFIELD
JOYCE H. HODGES

August 30, 1968

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year July 1, 1967, to June 30, 1968

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1967	\$ 5,417.59
Received from Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation	\$ 52,274.58
Deficit Appropriation	291.13
Received from State Treasurer:	
State Funds	11,665.66
Federal Funds	4,525.59
Received from Trust Funds	938.22
Received from All Other Sources	599.71
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Total Receipts	\$ 70,294.89
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR	
FISCAL YEAR	\$ 75,712.48
Less School Board Orders Paid	74,454.96
Balance on Hand June 30, 1968	\$ 1,257.52

MILDRED H. WHARFF
District Treasurer

August 6, 1968

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Mason, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, and find them correct in all respects.

ROBERT C. HENNEMAN
JON R. HUBER
Auditors

October 22, 1968

SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

Original Amount—\$40,500.00 Serial Note 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ %—Dated July 15, 1962. Payable—Souhegan National Bank, Milford N. H.

	Principal	Interest	Balance
			\$27,000.00
July 15, 1968	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 471.20	24,300.00
January 15, 1969		428.72	
July 15, 1969	2,700.00	421.73	21,600.00
January 15, 1970		381.06	
July 15, 1970	2,700.00	374.85	18,900.00
January 15, 1971		333.41	
July 15, 1971	2,700.00	327.97	16,200.00
January 15, 1972		285.75	
July 15, 1972	2,700.00	282.65	13,500.00
January 15, 1973		238.10	
July 15, 1973	2,700.00	234.21	10,800.00
January 15, 1974		189.52	
July 15, 1974	2,700.00	186.43	8,100.00
January 15, 1975		142.78	
July 15, 1975	2,700.00	140.46	5,400.00
January 15, 1976		95.13	
July 15, 1976	2,700.00	94.09	2,700.00
January 15, 1977		47.47	
July 15, 1977	2,700.00	46.70	.00

STATISTICS SCHOOL YEAR 1967-68

ENROLLMENT

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	9	17							26
Elementary			13	12					25
Intermediate					13	11			24
Grammar							16	10	26

ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
Primary	24.4	22.9	94.0
Elementary	24.9	23.5	94.3
Intermediate	23.9	22.6	94.5
Grammar	23.1	22.0	95.1

ATTENDING SCHOOLS ELSEWHERE

Appleton Academy	22
Wilton Elementary	1
North Middlesex Regional High School	20
Leominster Trade High School	1
Parochial Schools Outside the District	9
Private Schools Outside the District	4

SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT

The summary below covers the receipts, expenditures, and balances of the School Lunch Program at Mason Public School for the fiscal year 1967-1968.

Cash on Hand July 1, 1967	\$ 14.55
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RECEIPTS:

Lunch Sales, Children	\$ 3,418.29
Adults	352.80
Reimbursements	940.00
Miscellaneous Cash	207.46
 Total Receipts	 \$ 4,918.55
 Total Available Cash	 \$ 4,933.10

EXPENDITURES

Food	\$ 2,830.67
Labor	1,623.73

Equipment	18.02
All Other	359.47
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,831.89

BALANCE ON HAND AUGUST 5, 1968 **101.21**

I certify that the above information is true and correct; that the cash balance has been determined by actual count and/or verification of the checkbook balance; and that invoices and other pertinent records as required are on file to substantiate the School Lunch Program transactions.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET S. MORRISON
School Lunch Treasurer

August 5, 1968

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the pre-existing School Board and Citizens of Mason:

I submit this abbreviated report relative to the activities of the school district from the time of the final school district meeting held in March 1968 until June 30, 1968. At this time Mascenic Regional School District assumed full operating responsibility for the schools in Mason.

All plans for closing out the district proceeded as projected, except that late in the fiscal year the State Tax Commission, Municipal Accounting Division, indicated that it would be a physical impossibility for their office to audit the accounts of the district of Mason because of insufficient personnel. The local school board, therefore, assumed the responsibility of finding local auditors to conduct a careful and detailed audit. This

audit was completed, is reported herein, and meets all State requirements.

The accounts of the district were closed in good order providing a net balance in Mason of \$1,257.52. Even though the district authorized the raising and appropriating of \$1,000.00 to cover any unanticipated expenditures expended between the time of the March meeting and the end of the year, actually only \$291.13 was required by the board to meet unexpected expenses. As provided by an article in the Warrant, this net balance has been transferred to the Mascenic Regional School District and has been credited toward Mason's share of funds necessary for operating the Mascenic Regional School District in 1968-69. All reports of the treasurer and bookkeeper of the school district have been stored within the community in the attic of the school in Mason, and should be on hand for review for a period of seven years.

The transfer of administrative responsibility from the town district to the Mascenic Regional School District has been accomplished with minimal problems and confusion due to the continuance of personnel for both districts.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH A. SARGENT
Superintendent of Schools.

**ACTION TAKEN AT TOWN MEETING
MARCH 12, 1968**

Meeting called to order by Moderator Hodges at 1:00 P. M.

School and Town Warrant read, voting articles only.

Polls declared open. Total votes cast 141.

Polls declared closed 7:15 P. M. Ballots counted. Results read.

Selectman for 3 years Harold C. Weber

Tax Collector for 1 year Joyce H. Hodges

Town Clerk and Treasurer for 1 year Charles F. H. Crathern

Road Agent for 1 year G. Porter Washburn

Presidential Candidate—Republican—Richard M. Nixon

Democratic—Eugene J. McCarthy

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 to following day at 7:00 P. M. to act on warrant articles 3-29.

March 13, 1968. Adjourned Town Meeting called to order by Moderator at 7:00. Warrant articles 3-29 read.

Article III. Clerk was authorized to cast one vote for the following nominations:

Library Trustee for 3 years—Virginia Clark

Cemetery Trustee for 3 years—Conray Wharff

Cemetery Trustee for 1 year—Clifton Hastings

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years—Charles F. H. Crathern

Auditor for 1 year—Tracy Eaton

All the above listed officers sworn in by Moderator Hodges.

Article IV. Moved that sum of \$32,906.81 be raised and appropriated to defray Town charges for the ensuing year of 1968. Auditor Thompson stated all Town accounts had been audited and found correct. Under Highways and Bridges it was voted to change "cutting brush" to "remove brush." Conservation Committee authorized \$50.00. Under "Town Hall and Other Expense" it was voted to increase the \$1,000.00 to \$1,250.00, the \$250.00 to be applied to the Town Hall itself.

Article V. Selectmen and Treasurer were authorized to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article VI. Sale of Town owned real estate by Selectmen with approval of Financial Advisory Board approved.

Article VII. Voted that Town allow no discount for early payment of taxes.

Article VIII. Selectmen authorized to sell old plows and scraper.

Article IX. Tax Collector granted 8% compensation for head tax collected.

Article X. \$500.00 appropriation for 200th celebration included in Budget.

Articles XI, XII and XIII. Town office of Tax Collector, Treasurer and Clerk to be 3 years. Ballot vote requested—almost unanimous—One No vote.

Article XIV. Highway Agent to be an appointed office, not elective, passed.

Article XV. Voted unanimously \$250.00 to purchase new resuscitator. Firemen and police to be trained in its use and application. Kept at fire house but available to police at all times.

Article XVI. Voted \$200.00 to change electric service entrance at the Town Hall from the front to the side providing increased capacity and adequate service.

The following articles all apply to changes in the Building Code.

Article XVII. Passed unanimously.

Article XVIII. Passed unanimously.

Article XIX. Passed unanimously.

Article XX. Passed unanimously

Article XXI. Passed unanimously.

Article XXII. Passed unanimously

Article XXIII. Passed unanimously

Article XXIV. Passed unanimously.

Article XXV. Passed unanimously.

Article XXVI. Passed unanimously.

Article XXVII. Passed unanimously.

Article XXVIII. Passed unanimously.

Article XXIX. Passed unanimously.

10:30 P. M. — Motion to adjourn — Passed.

C. F. H. CRATHERN
Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1968	Name	Parents
Jan. 2	Phillip Scott	Norman Joseph Leger Elaine Leona Fortin

Feb. 12	Elizabeth Helen	Michael Willard Marlies Louise Leighton Sherman
May 22	Brian Scott	Donald Allen Beals Linda Diane Bennett
July 15	Melissa Beth	Eino Arthur Helstein Irene Mary Gravelle
July 16	Frederick Marc	James Everett Rines, Jr. Mary Yvonne Burbee
Oct. 11	Derek James	Donald A. McCormack Bonita Elizabeth Gould
1967	Omitted in listing	
Mar. 18	Darryl Thomas	Donald A. McCormack Bonita Elizabeth Gould

DEATHS

1968	Name	Residence	Cemetery
Feb. 5	Margaretta R. Voorhees	Mason, N. H.	Prospect Hill
June 17	James Roland Bell	Greenville, N.H.	Prospect Hill
Aug. 17	Mary Frances Schulze	Mason, N.H.	Manchester, N.H.
Oct. 31	Dorothy D. Whitaker	Center Sandwich, N.H.	Prospect Hill
Nov. 21	Albert Aker	Tewksbury, Mass.	Prospect Hill

MARRIAGES — 1968

Jan. 19	Robert Churchill Bradberry Susan Mary Maloney	Randolph, Mass. Braintree, Mass.	C. F. H. Crathern J.P. — Mason, N. H.
Apr. 20	Ronald Phillip Mitchell Elsa Mae Kinsman	Fitchburg, Mass. Fitchburg, Mass.	C. F. H. Crathern J.P. — Mason, N. H.
June 15	Paul Joseph Bourgeois Sandra Leona Faulkenham	Fitchburg, Mass. Fitchburg, Mass.	C. F. H. Crathern J.P. — Mason, N. H.
June 22	Larry Anthony Engle Carol Hulda Forrest	Pleasantville, Ohio Mason, N. H.	Rev. Harry Foot Mason, N. H.
June 27	Paul Joseph Veneziano Kirsten Victoria Wiinikka	Fitchburg, Mass. Ashby, Mass.	C. F. H. Crathern J.P. — Mason, N. H.
Oct. 10	John Randall Brainard Priscilla Margarite Dame	Fitchburg, Mass. Fitchburg, Mass.	C. F. H. Crathern J.P. — Mason, N. H.
Oct. 20	John Edward Anderson Peggy Jo Taylor	Mason, N. H. Newport News, Virginia	C. F. H. Crathern J.P. — Mason, N. H.
Nov. 23	Kenneth Lionel Fogden Mary Ann Eagleson	Mason, N. H. Mason, N. H.	C. F. H. Crathern J.P. — Mason, N. H.
Dec. 28	John Lee Thomas Patricia Ann Clark	Downey, Calif. Fitchburg, Mass.	C. F. H. Crathern J.P. — Mason, N. H.

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